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## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO EASTERN DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,	) ~	CASE NO. C87-1471
Plaintiff,	. )	
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VS.	j	HON. GEORGE W. WHITE
MASTER METALS, INC.,	)	
Defendant.	)	ORDER

This matter is before the Court on the United States of America's Motion to Dismiss Master Metals' 1992 Petition Pending Before the Court (Dkt.# 64) on the grounds of mootness. Defendant filed a Petition Invoking Defendant Master Metal, Inc.'s Right to Dispute Resolution wherein it sought to challenge the imposition of \$1,593,000.00 in penalties as a result of it's numerous violations of the Consent Decree entered into on January 15, 1990. The United States opposed Master Metals' Petition, Defendant filed a Reply Brief

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and the matter remained pending before the Court<sup>1</sup>.

After the matter was fully briefed, Master Metals entered into an agreement with the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency wherein Master Metals agreed to discontinue operations. At the subsequent request of the United States, Master Metals revoked all of its environmental permits, so that it can never legally reopen without reapplying for and obtaining all of the necessary permits.

Upon due consideration of the facts outlined above, Master Metals' representation to the United States that it is insolvent and the United States' position that it no longer seeks the imposition of \$1,593,000.00 in stipulated penalties, the Court grants the United States Motion to Dismiss Master Metals' petition. Accordingly, Defendant's Petition Invoking Defendant Master Metal, Inc.'s Right to Dispute Resolution is dismissed based on mootness.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

George W. White

Chief Judge

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>This matter was originally assigned to the docket of former Chief Judge Thomas J. Lambros, United States District Court, Northern District of Ohio. Since Chief Judge Lambros's retirement from the bench, the matter is now before this Court, 20 Office of Regional Counse

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